

Fresno, CA - Today, Congressman Jim Costa (CA-20) announced his support for the national program aimed at identifying the "100 Best Communities for Young People." Cities and towns have the chance to compete for the title based on the opportunities and experiences they offer their youth.

"In our country there are numerous diverse communities that provide our youth with unique experiences and the recognition provided by this program allows these communities to broaden their outreach efforts," Congressman Costa stated.

"100 Best Communities for Young People" was initiated by America's Promise Alliance, Capital One and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. This competition will bring together the resources of the private and public sectors to identify communities that deliver healthy, safe and caring environments. The recognition is valuable because the environments created by these communities foster effective education and help young people become productive citizens.

Interested communities can gather more information, or apply online, at www.americaspromise.org.

"Today's youth are tomorrow's leaders and it is our job to create an environment in which they can develop the variety of skills needed to navigate throughout life," Congressman Costa concluded.